Government nominee directors specially of IFCI and IDBI nominee and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether Government have warned them for involving themselves in the dispute and if so, when and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) It is not the Government but financial institutions who appoint nominee directors on the Boards of assisted companies. Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that nominee directors of financial institutions are not personally involved in the affairs pertaining to disputes in ITC Ltd.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of Silk Yarn

2100. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of silk yarn imported to meet the demand of the weavers in the country during the last two years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spent by Government thereon;

(c) the total quantity of silk yarn likely to be imported during 1995-96; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHIR G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) As a matter of policy, the Government allows limited imports of raw silk for domestic purposes only in the case of exigencies of short supplies and/ or abnormal increase in prices of raw silk in the local markets. No such imports have been allowed by the Government during the last two years and at present there is no proposal to allow any such imports of raw silk during 1995-96.

Few Takers for I.T. Property Auction

2101. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "Financial Express" dated 30th July, 1995 captioned "Few takers for I.T. property auction";

(b) if so, what are the reasons for low off-take of such property;

(c) whether any alternate system would be formulated; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some properties put up for public auction by the Income-tax Department remain unsold due to local market conditions and various other reasons;

(c) and (d) The properties which remain unsold in atleast 3 public auctions are put up for sale by inviting sealed tenders. For properties remaining unsold even after inviting sealed tenders, the Chief Commissioners may enter into direct negotiations with public sector undertakings and State Governments/ Central Government Departments for their sale.

Income Tax on Income Derived from Advertisements

2102. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that income derived from advertisements in convertible foreign curency were allowed to be eligible for deduction under section BDHHC of the Income-tax Act;

(b) whether the said deduction is not being allowed now to trade journals and periodicals; if so, the reasons therefor; and